

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5-25, and 28-42 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 16, 21, 25, and 30 are independent. Applicant hereby amends claims 1-3, 5-25, and 28-42. Claim 4 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. Claims 26 and 27 were previously canceled. No new matter has been added.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives by Examiner Thuy Dao at the interview held on January 22, 2009, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In section 6 on pages 2-13, the Office Action rejects claims 1-25 and 28-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,305,659 to Muller et al (hereinafter "Muller"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons listed below.

Claim 1 recites "each user parameter set having a version identifier, whereby multiple versions of said user parameter sets are stored in said script repository for each of said command script templates" (emphasis added). Claims 16, 21, 25, and 30 contain similar recitations. Support in the specification for the subject matter added to claims 1, 16, 21, 25 and 30 can be found in, for example,

paragraph [0044]. As further disclosed in paragraph [0053], multiple versions of the user parameter sets may be stored in the script repository for each script template.

While Muller's test configuration includes a multi-version test script object, Muller discloses that "test data and system data are generic," as recited on lines 10-11 of col. 4. That is, they are "not specific for any particular functionality," as further recited on lines 11-12 of col. 4.

While the Office Action alleges that Muller submits multiple versions of user parameter sets, Muller actually uses "multiple versions of a test script," as recited on lines 27 of col. 4. The parameter interface, as stated on lines 38-39 of col. 4, "is the same for all test script versions." In contrast, the subject matter added in the current amendment to independent claims 1, 16, 21, 25 and 30 clearly recites multiple versions of user parameter sets that may be used with a single command script template.

As suggested by Examiner Dao during the interview on January 22, 2009, Applicant has also incorporated a modified version of the subject matter formerly recited in dependent claim 4 into independent claim 1. Thus, claim 1 now recites, in part, the following language: "the managed entity configuration management module further requesting additional user parameter values to be entered when discrepancies arise between a command script template version identifier and

the user parameter set version identifier" (emphasis added). Similar subject matter has been added to independent claims 16, 21, 25 and 30.

As described above, Muller does not disclose, suggest, or teach the use of multiple versions of user parameter sets with a single command script template. Consequently, Muller cannot respond to discrepancies between version identifiers for the parameterized command script templates and the user parameter sets. As also suggested by Examiner Dao during the January 22, 2009 interview, Applicant has emphasized the parameterized nature of the command script templates by amending the claims to recite parameterized command script templates.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that Muller does not disclose, suggest, or teach the subject matter recited above. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 16, 21, 25, and 30 are allowable over Muller.

Claims 2-3 and 5-15 depend from independent claim 1, claims 17-20 depend from independent claim 16, claims 22-24 depend from independent claim 21, claims 28-29 depend from independent claim 25, and claims 31-42 depend from independent claim 30. Thus, claims 2-3, 5-15, 17-20, 22-24, 28-29, and 31-42 are allowable at least upon the basis of their respective dependencies from allowable independent claims. Claim 4 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter.

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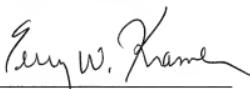
Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-25 and 28-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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